

# Early Transportation

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The first people in Portage County walked overland or came by canoe. In 1840, lumber companies floated logs down the river in rafts, which often broke up on the dangerous Wisconsin. In 1853, stagecoaches began to run regularly, but they were slow and often got stuck in the sand. When the railroad came to Stevens Point in 1871, transportation of people and goods became much easier.

Fill in the blanks and answer the questions below, using the advertisements on the left.

**GREAT EXCITEMENT AT STEVENS POINT.**  
**100 Men Wanted!!**  
**T**HE subscribers wish to hire 100 good Able Bodied men, to raft and run lumber from the Wisconsin Pinery to St. Louis, Mo., for which they will pay from 1 to 2 dollars per day.  
**MERRIL & SLOTHOWER.**  
 Stevens Point, March 10, 1853.

How much did it pay to \_\_\_\_\_ and run  
 lumber in 1853? \_\_\_\_\_

**New Stage line,**  
**T**HE undersigned has now completed his arrangements for running a tri-weekly line of stages between Fort Winnebago and Stevens Point, straight through, via Grand Marsh and Buena Vista, in two days, using two horse elliptic spring carriages, as follows:  
 Leaves Fort Winnebago, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays;  
 Leaves Stevens' Point, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.  
 Fare through, upward, \$3 50  
 " " down, 3 00  
**JOHN B. DUBAY.**  
 July 12, 1852. 40-1f.

Who ran the stagecoach from Fort Winnebago (Portage) to Stevens Point?  
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How many times per week did the stage run? \_\_\_\_\_

How much did a trip from Stevens Point to Portage cost? \_\_\_\_\_

— Track laying will soon begin westward from Stevens Point, on the Wisconsin Central Railroad. Large quantities of freight are daily going over that portion of the road already completed, and the business of the road greatly exceeds all anticipations. The

Think about the old ways of getting around.  
 What made the train such an improvement?

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**Traveling**  
 Summer or Winter,  
 in either direction between  
**CHICAGO, WAUKESHA, MILWAUKEE**  
 —AND—  
**ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS,**  
**THE NORTHWEST,**  
 —OVER—

**THE WISCONSIN CENTRAL LINE** The Palace Sleeping and Parlor Car Route

will contribute to your happiness.